TOWN OF TIVERTON, RHODE ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL

To: Town Council Members

From: Denise DeMedeiros, Town Council President

Re: Mask Directive/Town Council Meetings

cc: Joan Chabot, All Department Heads

Date: December 28, 2021

MASK WEARING DIRECTIVE

Dear Members of the Tiverton Town Council:

As you know, on or about December 14, 2020, the Town of Tiverton, by and through the town council, continued its previous state of municipal emergency via Executive Order 2020-13. Since the State of Rhode Island continues to be under a state of emergency, the local declaration remains in effect as well.

Paragraph 5 of that Declaration notes that "I shall issue additional directives, orders, and recommendations as circumstances require, either written or verbal, consistent with Article IV, section 405 of the Home Rule Charter."

Because of the prevalence of the Covid-19 Omicron variant and in an effort to protect council members, staff, and the public at Town Council meetings, I am directing the following:

- 1. When the Tiverton Council is meeting in person and in a public setting, all council members and support staff, including the town administrator, solicitor, and town clerk, shall wear masks while seated at the Council table and participating in the business of the Town Council.
- 2. All members of the public and anyone else in attendance at Town Council meetings shall be required to wear a mask while the Town Council is in session. The requirement shall not apply to children under five years of age or to persons, who for medical reasons, are not able to wear a mask.
- 3. The Town Clerk is requested to have masks available for the public to use and to post a notice of the mask wearing requirement on the town's website and at the entrance of Town Hall.
- 4. This directive shall remain in effect until further notice.

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Denise DeMedeiros

President, Tiverton Town Council

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Dated: /2/28/2021